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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 7-297891, published November 10, 1995.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 9-321839, published December 12, 1997 was previously filed with an IDS on September 29, 1999.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 9-149129, published June 6, 1997.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 10-973368, published April 14, 1998 was previously filed with an IDS on September 29, 1999.

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5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 10-161829, published June 19, 1998.
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 11-341115, published December 10, 1999.
7. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 11-331326, published November 30, 1999.
8. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 10-290275, published October 27, 1998.
9. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 10-164226, published June 19, 1998.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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